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In accordance with 37 CFR § 1.56, Applicant wishes to call the attention of the Examiner to the reference(s) cited on the attached form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents (except U.S. patents and published U.S. patent applications) are attached.

These references have been cited in the European Search Report in the counterpart European patent application. These references do not disclose a sensor in the form of a light barrier as claimed in amended claim 1.

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